



# City of Loma Linda Official Report

Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor  
Floyd Petersen, Mayor pro tempore  
Robert Christman, Councilmember  
Stan Brauer, Councilmember  
Robert Ziprick, Councilmember

COUNCIL AGENDA: May 25, 2004

TO: City Council

SUBJECT: Request from Loma Linda Academy Symphonic Wind Orchestra to declare the orchestra as official ambassador of the City and for a contribution toward instrument shipping and ground transportation costs for their concert tour in Ireland

# LOMA LINDA ACADEMY

*Eternal principles . . . intelligent choices*

May 7, 2004

Dr. Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor  
City of Loma Linda  
Civic Center  
25541 Barton Road  
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Dear Mayor Hansberger:

From July 11-26, 2004, the Loma Linda Academy Symphonic Wind Orchestra will make their seventh international concert tour. With the concerts in Ireland, they will have performed in 16 different countries since 1986.

I would like to request that the mayor and council please consider supporting this group of 136 students and chaperons in the same manner they did in 1986, 1988, 1992 and 1995.

FIRST: The council declare the wind orchestra as official ambassadors of the city.

SECOND: The city provide a plaque for us to present to the corresponding mayor of the cities during our visit.

THIRD: A personal letter of invitation from the city be sent to the mayors of the visited cities. (I believe that Mayor Pro Tem Petersen has already been asked by our Irish host to do this and has finished the task.)

FOURTH: An official letter from the mayor and council be written to be included in the concert program given out at each venue.

FIFTH: Some financial assistance given to help with a portion of our instrument shipping expenses.

Between September 2003 and February 2004 the US Dollar has suffered a 21% decline against the British Pound Sterling and the Euro Dollar. This unprecedented rapid decline in our dollar's purchasing power has made a significant increase in our shipping and ground transportation costs.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours truly,



Philip R. Binkley  
Director of Bands